

Shown in Figure 1, is the recreational tote (1) consisting essentially of a main body portion (2) having a bottom wall (3), a front wall (4), a back wall (5) and opposite end walls (6). The recreational tote also consists of a lid (7) for covering the main body portion (2) and a drawer (8) with a lock (9) for securing valuables. The drawer (8), as shown in Figure 2, extends through the front wall (4) of the main body portion (2) and comprises a plurality of partitions (10). Figure 3 shows a front view of the recreational tote (1), the front wall (4) through which the locked (9) drawer (8) extends through and the opposite end wall (6) and lid (7).

Referring now to Figures 4 and 5, the recreational tote kit (11) can be seen. The kit (11) consists of a base portion (15) wherein a conventional cooler (not shown) can be placed on top and slightly inside (14) the base portion (15). The base portion includes a locked (12) drawer (13) with a plurality of partitions (16) and means to attached the base portion (15) to a conventional cooler, such as a strap. Alternatively, the drawer (13) can be placed inside a conventional cooler. Shown in Figure 6, is a front view of the base portion (15), the drawer (13) and the lock (12).

SPECIFICATIONS

The office action provided suggested guidelines and a preferred layout for the specifications. The office action did not state an amendment to the specifications was necessary to overcome the examiner's office action.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 USC § 112:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

I Claim:

1. (Amended) [I Paul Lynwood Moree do hereby claim to be the sole inventor of "The Recreational Tote", an all in one unit that has many diverse uses, it has a built in tackle box, and it has a locked unit that can be used for valuables, important papers, keys, jewelry, etc, it has a cooler area that can be used for food & beverages, or place your bait & catch in, when fishing, it is perfect for the beach, shore, boat, car,

recreational vehicle, picnicking, hiking, camping or most any outing, it's size and shape make it a great companion to take with you to the mountains, shore, etc, the many compartments can be used in a variety of ways, ladies can keep their cosmetics in them, sewing needs, or small carry along hobbies, rock and arrowhead collectors has a safe place to put their precious finds, at an all day sporting or singing event, it gives you a place to sit & keeps your beverages & food cool, & handy, your able to save any leaflet that may be purchased or passed out, & store in a clean dry compartment, it even has enough room to carry a small portable cd player & several cd's, for your listening pleasure, how convenient when you want to go on a picnic, it can serve as a picnic hamper, food & beverage container, a place for your utensils, & a light groundcover all in one unit, if your into bug collecting you would even have a safe place to put them, the use of this all in one "Recreational Tote" is limited only to your imagination, another part of this invention is a kit I have devised that can easily be attached to any size cooler, from the smallest to the largest, a kit that can be used inside or outside the cooler to convert your own cooler or the cooler of your choice into a "Recreational Tote".]

A recreational tote consisting essentially of:

a main body portion having a bottom wall, a front wall, a back wall, and opposite end walls, which extend up from said bottom wall defining an interior for storing food and beverages;

a removable plastic bag for storing bait and catch in the interior of the main body portion;

a lid for covering the main body portion; and